

## **PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2012**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. County Council members in attendance were Alan Cassidy, Stan Goffinet, Merle Doogs, Steve Goodson, James Adams, Chet Mathena, and Ron Crawford Sr. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present.

### **REORGANIZATION**

The first order of business was to reorganize the council by electing the President and Pro-Tem for 2012.

Stan made a motion to nominate Alan Cassidy for President. Merle seconded the motion. Ron made a motion to close the nominations for President and Stan seconded this motion. Motion carried 7-0

Chet made a motion to nominate Steve Goodson for Pro-Tem and Jim seconded the motion. Ron made a motion to close the nominations for Pro-Tem and Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

Stan made the motion to continue conducting their meetings for 2012 the same as they have been scheduled, on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m., with exceptions for the months of November and December meetings will be moved from the fourth Thursday because of the conflict with holidays. Jim seconded Stan's motion, and motion carried 7-0.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Adam Temple director of the Perry County Parks and Recreation department requested an additional appropriation of \$7000.00 for a Part-Time Assistant within the Parks & Recreation budget. Council member Steve Goodson stated that he felt at this time the council could not allow the full request and suggested the council give the Parks Department \$3,500. Merle made the motion to allow \$3,500 for the Part-Time Assistant and Jim seconded the motion. Council member Ron Crawford suggested that the park be open to the public, but lock the building and post notice that the parks is open but no facilities are available at this time. He suggested that the Parks Board come back to the council later in the year and see if funding would be available at that time. The Council President reminded the members that a motion had been made and seconded to allow \$3,500 on the request. Alan asked for a vote and the motion carried 4-3 with Chet, Ron and Stan voting against the motion.

The Perry Circuit Clerk, Perry Circuit Court and County Auditor asked for an additional appropriation within the IV-D Incentive-County General Fund in the amount of \$12,300 for IV-D Consulting Services. County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that this money will be used to continue the contract with Malinowski Consulting to prepare the monthly and quarterly reports on IV-D expenses that are required by the State and Federal Government. Stan made the motion to allow the request and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Perry County Health Department had requested an additional appropriation within the 2010 Master Tobacco Settlement Fund as follows: \$1,992.20 for Administrative Asst.; \$152.40 Social Security and \$174.32 for Retirement. The Health Department had withdrawn this request, because other grant funds had become available to use for this position.

Perry County Sheriff Lee Chestnut requested a reduction of appropriation within the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the Sheriff Salary. Merle made the motion to approve the reduction and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION & REDUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 12-CC-01**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE

TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE  
HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE  
PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> #0101-803-1000.16 PART-TIME ASSISTANT	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	4	3

COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
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**IV-D INCENTIVE-COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

<u>PERRY CO COMMISSIONERS</u> #4652-068-3000.11 IV-D CONSULTING SERVICES	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	7	0
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IV-D INCENTIVE-COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$12,300.00	\$_____
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**2010 MASTER TOBACCO  
SETTLEMENT FUND**

<u>PERRY CO HEALTH DEPT</u> #9259-610-1000.11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.	\$1 ,992.20	Request Withdrawn
#9259-610-1000.21 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 152.40	Request Withdrawn
#9259-610-1000.22 RETIREMENT	\$ 174.32	Request Withdrawn

2010 MASTER TOBACCO FUND TOTAL:	\$2,318.92	Request Withdrawn
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SEC. 2 WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT CERTAIN EXISTING  
APPROPRIATIONS NOW HAVE UNOBLIGATED BALANCES THAT WILL NOT  
BE NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH APPROPRIATED, IT IS  
FURTHER ORDAINED (RESOLVED) THAT THE FOLLOWING EXISTING  
APPROPRIATIONS BE REDUCED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION REQUESTED	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION APPROVED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u> #0101-005-1000.11 SHERIFF SALARY	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		

COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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ADOPTED THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

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AYE

ALAN CASSIDY /S/  
STAN GOFFINET /S/  
MERLE DOOGS /S/  
STEVE GOODSON /S/  
JAMES K. ADAMS /S/  
CHESTER MATHENA /S/  
RON CRAWFORD, SR. /S/

ATTEST:  
CONNIE A. BERGER  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

### **AMENDMENT TO 2012 SALARY ORDINANCE**

The Council had before them two amendments to the 2012 Salary Ordinance. One was to set the hourly rate of \$12.00 for the Part-Time Assistant within the Park & Recreation Department budget and the other was to reduce the salary of the Sheriff's pay for 2012 in the amount of \$3,000. Jim made the motion to amend the salary ordinance and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

### **LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

The County Council decided to retain Attorney James G. Tyler as County Council Attorney to perform legal services for the County Council for 2012 in an amount equal to what the County Council had budgeted of \$4,255, to be paid out in monthly installments of \$354.58 for eleven months and \$354.62 for one month. Chet made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, and Merle seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with Alan signing the agreement when prepared by Mr. Tyler.

### **ANIMAL WELFARE, CONTROL AND EDUCATION ORDINANCE**

Commissioner President, Bill Amos and Commissioner Tom Hauser attended the Council meeting to discuss the Animal Welfare, Control and Education Ordinance that the commissioners had passed at their meeting on December 28, 2011. Bill informed the council members that in order for the county to collect dog tax and licensing fees they would have to adopt an ordinance showing what these fees would be. In the ordinance that was adopted by the commissioners, there is a proposed dog tax schedule and a licensing schedule that the County Council can adopt, but until they do these fees cannot be collected or enforced. Commissioner Hauser commented that a lot of work has been done on this ordinance and maybe they should have come to a council meeting before to explain what was going to be expected of the County Council but encouraged all Council members to read the ordinance. Council Member Chet Mathena said he is against the new ordinance and the county already has 3 organizations to take care of the animals and we don't need another (Humane Society, Animal Shelter and large animal organization). Several council members stated that they don't want to put a burden on the taxpayers of Perry County. Steve asked how the proposed fees compare with other counties. Tom stated that the proposed fees are lower than other counties. There was concern that if not enough money is collected with dog tax and licensing fees then would the Animal Welfare, Control and Education Board come to the Council and ask for money. It was stated that Board would have to manage with the money that is collected. There was a long discussion between council members and commissioners, but no action was taken by the County Council at this meeting.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Perry County Animal Welfare, Control and Education Board: It was announced that since the Commissioners had passed the Animal Welfare, Control and Education Ordinance now a board would need to be appointed. The County Council has one appointment to the board. Their appointment has to be a member of a Perry County animal sporting organization and each organization may recommend a board member of the public for the Council's consideration. Council members decided that they would accept letters of interest for this appointment until their February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

With no other business before the council, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Merle seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0. (Steve Goodson left meeting at 5:15)

Minutes approved this 23rd day of February, 2012

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President, Perry County Council

